

PHYSICS 220 LAB SYLLABUS

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Textbook:

College Physics – Reasoning and Relationships, Volume One, Nicholas Giordano, Brooks/Cole, Cengage Learning, 2009.

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Lab Manual:

Physics 220 Laboratory Manual, 2008/2009, Andrzej (*Andrew*) Lewicki, Sharon Comer, and Michael Zimmer, LAD Custom Publishing, 2008.

Welcome to **Physics 220** lab. This semester, you will explore the fundamental concepts of mechanics by performing experiments, collecting data and analyzing your results.

General description:

Labs meet in **room PHYS 121** in the Physics Building. The exact schedule of experiments is located at the end of this lab syllabus.

The **Lab manual** (*Physics 220 Laboratory Manual, 2008/2009*, Andrzej Lewicki, Sharon Comer, and Michael Zimmer, LAD Custom Publishing, 2008) is available from local bookstores. Do not buy any previous editions of the lab manual!

Since room PHYS 121 is connected to the ITaP computer network, you need to have the (**Purdue**) **career account** to be able to run experiments! If you do not have your career computer account yet, then bring your student ID to ITaP Information Center, MATH 231.

Students who completed Physics 220 lab during the last two years may claim the previous credit for the lab. The minimum requirement for the credit transfer is to have all experiments completed and have the number of points for the lab equal to at least 75% of the perfect score.

Lab reports are usually due at the beginning of the next experiment. For the exact dates, see the **lab schedule** at the end of this syllabus.

Always bring a calculator with you to the lab. **Do NOT bring drinks or food to the lab!**

The **help center** for Physics 220 is located in **Room 11** of the Physics Building. The help center schedule is available at the following address:

<http://www.physics.purdue.edu/class/services/HC218220.pdf>

Additional information about the course can be found on the WWW at:

<http://www.physics.purdue.edu/phys220/>

Lab procedures:

Before coming to lab, you must answer all prelaboratory questions scheduled for that week. These questions are closely related to the activities and measurements you will do in lab. The prelaboratory questions typically require 30 minutes of effort. The prelaboratory questions are your individual work, so everyone is expected to complete them. **The prelaboratory questions must be answered on-line (except of the first experiment M1 and all make-ups)** using the *Computerized Homework in Physics (CHIP)*. CHIP is accessible to any computer running popular web browser software, e.g., Firefox, Safari or Internet Explorer. Prelaboratory questions for experiment M1 should be submitted on paper in the lab at the beginning of the experiment M1. Remember to review the theory section of each lab.

All lab scores including points for prelaboratory questions (prelabs) and points for lab reports will be stored on CHIP. **The prelabs of CHIP are due before the deadlines, which are set exactly at 10 minutes before the beginning of the scheduled lab time.** For instance, if the lab is scheduled on Wednesday at 11:30 AM, the deadline for prelabs is at 11:20 AM on that day. After deadlines, CHIP would not assign any points for the prelabs (no credit for late prelabs). Physics 220 students will be able to access their online gradebook (using CHIP) and check the latest scores. You will find more information about accessing and using CHIP on a separate handout available in the lab or from room PHYS 144 (Undergraduate Office).

During the two-hour laboratory period, you will observe phenomena, manipulate the lab apparatus, collect data and ask questions. Be on time for the lab. Remember to sign the lab attendance list! Your lab TA will briefly review the theory behind the experiment and describe the lab equipment to be used. **Before leaving the laboratory room, make sure that your TA has initialed your data sheets.** The minimum penalty for the lab reports without TA's initials is 2 points. TA may even refuse to accept lab reports without initials.

In the lab, you will work with a lab partner. All experimental **data must be written in ink** on your data sheets. TAs have been instructed not to initial data sheets written in pencil. In all data sheets you will find a pair of parentheses with an empty space in between: (). You are required to write appropriate **unit** in that space, e.g., (m/s). Results without units are not complete!

During the week that follows each lab experiment, you and your partner will prepare a laboratory report, that includes your initialed data sheets, calculations, graphs (if required), cover sheet and the *Analysis* section. In that section, you should briefly describe the observed phenomena. You should also explain how the results were calculated from the raw data. Discuss sources of experimental error and their relative influence on your results. The lab report typically requires 1-2 hours of effort. The requirements for each lab report are clearly listed in the laboratory manual.

Group lab reports are allowed (but not required) this semester. It means that only one lab report for you and your partner is required. Obviously, the same credit will be assigned to both lab partners. **However, if a lab report is not ready on time, the penalty will apply to both students, regardless of who caused the delay.** Remember to attach to your group lab report **separate cover sheets for all lab partners.** The cover sheets are located at the end of the lab manual. If you prefer to submit individual lab reports, you are always allowed to do that. Just tell your lab TA about your decision. The attendance will be taken at each experiment. Please, make sure to **put your signature on the attendance list.**

The prelaboratory questions must be completed and submitted individually. The lab reports from the lab make-ups must be submitted as individual reports (no group lab reports for make-ups).

ITaP is enforcing **print quota** on all printers connected to the ITaP network. Please be aware of your balance and print responsibly. All printouts required in the lab are part of your print quota.

Grading practice:

Each laboratory report (including prelabs) is worth up to 14 points. We have eleven labs scheduled (11 labs*14 points = 154 points). **Since the maximum number of points for the lab portion of Physics 220 is equal to 150, the total lab score will be multiplied at the end of semester by the factor of $150/154 = 0.974$**

Since the grading level may slightly vary between TAs, **it is possible that the final lab grade will be normalized** to have the same average grade for all laboratory TAs. Lab points

are not converted into A, B, C, ... grades. At the end of the semester, the sum of your points earned for Physics 220 (lab + recitations + exams) will be converted into one final letter grade.

If you have missed an experiment for a **valid reason** (e.g., illness):

- Give a written documentation to your lab TA during the next lab or bring it to his office and ask permission to make-up the missed lab.
- If you have not turned in the report from the previous lab, turn it in during the first day after your absence to the **drop slot** located below mailboxes between rooms 146 and 150 (make sure that your lab TA's name is written clearly on the cover page of your lab report).
- Prelabs for the make-up labs must be submitted on paper during the make-up session (CHIP is not set up to handle make-ups).
- Your TA will set the due dates for make-up lab reports.
- If you have more questions about make-ups, please ask the lab coordinator.

Subtracting 1 point per school day will penalize late lab reports. Even if your lab report is very late, (i.e., zero points for the lab report due to the penalty) you would receive points for the prelaboratory questions and the lab would be recorded as completed.

Students are not allowed to make up late lab reports or to make up more than one experiment during the scheduled lab make-up time. Re-doing labs is not possible. Make-ups are only for those who missed labs for a legitimate reason and got TA's permission to make-up labs. Prelabs for the make-up labs must be submitted on paper (CHIP is not set up to handle make-ups).

You may not copy answers, lab reports, use "files", or allow your answers to be copied, by any other students (except of your lab partner). Any violation of the above standards will subject the offender to penalties allowed by the Purdue University. If you wonder whether a course of action violates this policy, simply ask in advance. Any attempt to forge data (e.g., copying data from previous semesters or from other students) or to forge your TA's initials will be penalized!

In a case of a long illness, (e.g., two or more weeks in a hospital) you need to get permission from the lab coordinator or the faculty in charge of the Physics 220 course to make up the missed labs.

If you have any questions concerning the lab policies, please ask the lab coordinator. **Keep all graded lab reports** until the end of semester.

After 5:00 PM on December 15, 2008 we will not accept any lab reports (no exceptions)!

Physics 220 Laboratory - Fall 2008

DATE	ROOM 121	REQUIRED
8/25-29	Introduction and Diagnostic Test	
9/1-5	Labor Day (No lab)	
9/8-12	M1 - Motion in One Dimension	M1 Prelaboratory Questions
9/15-19	M2 – Newton's Laws of Motion	M1 Lab Report M2 Prelaboratory Questions
9/22-26	M3 - Motion in Two Dimensions	M2 Lab Report M3 Prelaboratory Questions
9/29-10/3	M4 – Circular Motion	M3 Lab Report M4 Prelaboratory Questions
10/6-10	M5 - Work and Energy	M4 Lab Report M5 Prelaboratory Questions
10/13-17	October Break (No lab)	
10/20-24	M6 – Impulse and Momentum	M5 Lab Report M6 Prelaboratory Questions
10/27-31	M7 - Rotational Motion	M6 Lab Report M7 Prelaboratory Questions
11/3-7	M8 – Archimedes' Principle	M7 Lab Report M8 Prelaboratory Questions
11/10-14	M9 - Pendulum	M8 Lab Report M9 Prelaboratory Questions
11/17-21	M10 – Mechanical Waves	M9 Lab Report M10 Prelaboratory Questions
11/24-28	Thanksgiving Vacation (No lab)	
12/1-5	M11 - Temperature and Heat	M10 Lab Report M11 Prelaboratory Questions
12/8-12	Lab make-up	M11 Lab Report

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